House Resolution No. 2757

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through excellence in the workplace; and

Whereas, Steve Deulen, an esteemed resident of Springfield, Missouri, will officially retire from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation on June 1, 2003, after more than thirty-three years of exceptional state service; and

Whereas, during his impressive tenure as a District Supervisor at the Disability Determinations District Office in Springfield, Steve Deulen has devised and implemented procedures for the Social Security Administration's Adjudication Officer Pilot in Missouri, which became one of the most efficient and top-producing units in the nation; and

Whereas, Steve Deulen successfully completed the many duties and tasks placed before him as a Caseworker with the Division of Family Services and Counselor for Vocational Rehabilitation before accepting a promotion by Disability Determinations to the position of Disability Hearing Officer in Charge of the Springfield Disability Hearing Unit, the first independently-housed unit in Missouri which required devising and implementing new, untried procedures; and

Whereas, Steve Deulen is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as the Missouri Rehabilitation Association, the National Association of Disability Examiners, Missouri State Employees' Charitable Campaign, the United Way of the Ozarks, and the Southwest Missouri Humane Society; and

Whereas, the proud recipient of numerous Departmental awards and the 1978 Southwest Missouri Humane Society Humanitarian of the Year award, Steve Deulen has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of his devoted wife, Jennifer; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Steve Deulen, a remarkable individual and stellar state employee who will be greatly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with him:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Steve Deulen for his thirty-three years of unparalleled service to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and to the citizenry of the Show-Me State, and in wishing him the long, rewarding, and relaxing retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Steve Deulen.

Offered by

Representative Roy W. Holand District No. 135

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2757, adopted May 9, 2003.